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Hello!

Welcome to the March 2016 issue of the newsletter for the Forum on Religion and Ecology. We have much to share with you this month with regards to developments in the field of Religion and Ecology, including videos, publications, calls for papers, events, and more.

We have recently launched a new website for Thomas Berry that highlights his life and thought. This website was launched on the occasion of the presentation of the Thomas Berry Award to Brian Edward Brown by the Thomas Berry Foundation on January 24, 2016. On this website, you will find many of Thomas’ videos and audio recordings, along with several of his essays. For more information about this new website, see the description below and visit: http://thomasberry.org/

We are happy to let you know about an international conference on “Partners for Change: Religions and the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development” that took place on February 17-18, 2016 in Berlin, Germany. It was organized by the German government under the Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ). As the conference website states, “With the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, the international community has charted a path to ensure that all human beings can live life in dignity while respecting the boundaries of our planet,” and that “we can only truly breathe life into a new global partnership to implement the 2030 Agenda if religion plays a role.” A book entitled Voices from Religions on Sustainable Development was published for the event. More information about the book can be found here: http://fore.yale.edu/files/Voices_from_Religions_on_Sustainable_Development.pdf  For more about the conference, visit: http://partnersforchange.developmentpolicyforum.de/en/home.html

We would like to draw your attention to a number of events that Mary Evelyn Tucker is participating in this month:
- “Wangari Maathai Day Panel” (March 3 at Yale University in New Haven, CT);
- “Religion and Ecology Summit” (March 11 at the California Institute of Integral Studies in San Francisco, CA);
- “After Paris: Climate and Religion” (March 15 at the David Brower Center in Berkeley, CA);
- “Taking the Scholarship of Religion Public” (March 16 at the Flamingo Resort Hotel in Santa Rosa, CA);
- “Spiritual Ecology” (March 17 at San Domenico School in San Anselmo, CA);
- “Our Common Home” (March 24 at the Cooper Union for the Advancement of Science and Art in New York, NY).

Please see below for more details about these events.

We invite you to participate in the “Webinar on Seminary Environmental Certification Program” on March 7 at 4-5pm EST. Hosted by the Green Seminary Initiative (GSI), this webinar will be led by Dr. Laurel Kearns, Rabbi Mordechai Leibling, Beth Norcross, and Dr. Tim Van Meter. You can register for this free webinar here: https://www.z2systems.com/np/clients/greenfaith/eventRegistration.jsp?event=1347
We want to let you know about an exciting conference at Harvard Divinity School entitled “The Spirit of Sustainable Agriculture.” This event will take place March 31 - April 1, 2016. For more, visit: http://fore.yale.edu/calendar/item/the-spirit-of-sustainable-agriculture/

The Forum on Religion and Ecology has a Facebook page. Please show your support by “liking” us and sharing our page with your Facebook friends. Visit the page here: https://www.facebook.com/pages/The-Forum-on-Religion-and-Ecology-at-Yale/807941202606307

Journey of the Universe also has a Facebook page that we invite you to visit: https://www.facebook.com/pages/Journey-of-the-Universe/179213572122084?ref=nf For a list of stores where the Journey project is available, visit: http://www.journeyoftheuniverse.org/buy/

We hope this newsletter supports your own work and helps you further your own engagements with the field of Religion and Ecology.

Take care,
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2. New Website for Thomas Berry

Thomas Berry was a remarkable teacher, writer, and cultural historian who commenced his academic career as a historian of world cultures and religions and developed into a historian of Earth and its evolutionary processes. His seminal ideas relating to the place of humans in the Earth community launched the intellectual and moral field of Religion and Ecology and inspired the Journey of the Universe.

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This website was launched on the occasion of the presentation of the Thomas Berry Award to Brian Edward Brown by the Thomas Berry Foundation. This took place on Sunday, January 24, 2016 at Iona College in New Rochelle, NY, USA in collaboration with the Thomas Berry Forum for Ecological Dialogue. Brian Edward Brown has been part of the faculty of the Religious Studies Department of Iona College since 1987, specializing in the History of Religions. He will be retiring at the end of this academic year. Since his time as a student of Thomas Berry at Fordham University, he has contributed significantly to the Great Work and the flourishing of the Earth community through his teaching and his many publications and articles. His work has addressed the ecological implications of Buddhist and Native American tribal traditions, as well
as contemporary jurisprudence on the conflicting values of land as sacred reality or as mere property.

Acknowledgements for Website:

This website was created by Travis Kochel and Lizy Gershenson at Scribble Tone who have also created our websites for Emerging Earth Community (emergingearthcommunity.org) and the American Teilhard Association (teilharddechardin.org). Special support for this website and the publication of Thomas Berry’s works over many years has been provided by the Kalliopeia Foundation. We are grateful to our excellent team of co-workers who have contributed their skills to this site: Tara Trapani, Matthew Riley, and Elizabeth McAnally. Videos of Thomas Berry are now available due to Jane Blewett’s generous gift of Lou Niznik’s recordings and the careful work of Don Smith and Wes Pascoe in digitalizing them. The website is dedicated to Margaret Berry and all those who have assisted the Great Work.

Featured Video:

The video we are featuring this month is “Thomas Berry - A Passionist Tribute.” In this recording, Stephen Dunn narrates a 15 minute tribute to the life and work of Thomas Berry. You can watch this video here: http://thomasberry.org/publications-and-media/thomas-berry-a-passionist-tribute

3. New Publications

*Great Tide Rising: Toward Clarity and Moral Courage in a Time of Planetary Change*

By Kathleen Dean Moore
Introduction by Mary Evelyn Tucker
Counterpoint Press, 2016
http://www.counterpointpress.com/dd-product/great-tide-rising/
http://www.riverwalking.com/great-tide-rising.html

Even as seas rise against the shores, another great tide is beginning to rise – a tide of outrage against the pillage of the planet, a tide of commitment to justice and human rights, a swelling affirmation of moral responsibility to the future and to Earth’s fullness of life. Philosopher and nature essayist Kathleen Dean Moore takes on the essential questions: Why is it wrong to wreck the world? What is our obligation to the future? What is the transformative power of moral resolve? How can clear thinking stand against the lies and illogic that batter the chances for positive change? What are useful answers to the recurring questions of a storm-threatened time – What can anyone do? Is there any hope? And always this: What stories and ideas will lift people who deeply care, inspiring them to move forward with clarity and moral courage?
As ecological degradation continues to threaten permanent and dramatic changes for life on our planet, the question of how we can protect our imperiled Earth has become more pressing than ever before. In this book, Daniel Scheid draws on Catholic social thought to construct what he calls the "cosmic common good," a new norm for interreligious ecological ethics. This ethical vision sees humans as an intimate part of the greater whole of the cosmos, emphasizes the simultaneous instrumental and intrinsic value of nature, and affirms the integral connection between religious practice and the pursuit of the common good. When ecologically reoriented, Catholic social thought can point the way toward several principles of the cosmic common good, such as the virtue of Earth solidarity and the promotion of Earth rights. These are rooted in the classical doctrines of creation in Augustine and Thomas Aquinas, and in Thomas Berry's interpretation of the evolutionary cosmic story. The cosmic common good can also be found in Hindu, Buddhist, and American Indian religious traditions. By placing a Catholic cosmic common good in dialogue with Hindu dharmic ecology, Buddhist interdependence, and American Indian balance with all our relations, Scheid constructs a theologically authentic moral framework that re-envision humanity's role in the universe.

The Practices of Global Ethics examines diverse expressions of global ethics as social practices developed in response to global crises. It takes a unique look at global ethics: not as mere written statements but as a set of practices undertaken by thousands of organisations and hundreds of thousands of people to shape the normative trajectory of human affairs. Looking at statements of global ethical principles including The Universal Declaration of Human Rights, the Earth Charter and the Rio Documents, this book positions them as the outcomes and expression of ongoing practices. Offering innovative, critical and thoughtful analyses of ethical practices since World War II, the book examines efforts to promote human rights; foster ecological responsibility; end genocide; reduce global poverty; encourage responsible and sustainable international business practices; cultivate understanding and collaboration amongst the world's religions among other worldwide endeavours.
Reimagining Climate Change
Edited by Paul Wapner and Hilal Elver
Routledge, 2016
https://www.routledge.com/products/9781138944268

Responding to climate change has become an industry. Governments, corporations, activist groups and others now devote billions of dollars to mitigation and adaptation, and their efforts represent one of the most significant policy measures ever dedicated to a global challenge. Despite its laudatory intent, the response industry, or ‘Climate Inc.’, is failing. Reimagining Climate Change questions established categories, routines, and practices that presently constitute accepted solutions to tackling climate change and offers alternative routes forward. It does so by unleashing the political imagination. The chapters grasp the larger arc of collective experience, interpret its meaning for the choices we face, and creatively visualize alternative trajectories that can help us cognitively and emotionally enter into alternative climate futures. They probe the meaning and effectiveness of climate protection ‘from below’—forms of community and practice that are emerging in various locales around the world and that hold promise for greater collective resonance. They also question climate protection "from above" in the form of industrial and modernist orientations and examine large-scale agribusinesses, as well as criticize the concept of resilience as it is presently being promoted as a response to climate change.

Dharma and Ecology of Hindu Communities: Sustenance and Sustainability
By Pankaj Jain
Routledge, 2016
Paperback version is now available:
https://www.routledge.com/products/9781472484154

In Indic religious traditions, a number of rituals and myths exist in which the environment is revered. Despite this nature worship in India, its natural resources are under heavy pressure with its growing economy and exploding population. This has led several scholars to raise questions about the role religious communities can play in environmentalism. Does nature worship inspire Hindus to act in an environmentally conscious way? This book explores the above questions with three communities, the Swadhyaya movement, the Bishnoi, and the Bhil communities. Presenting the texts of Bishnois, their environmental history, and their contemporary activism; investigating the Swadhyaya movement from an ecological perspective; and exploring the Bhil communities and their Sacred Groves, this book applies a non-Western hermeneutical model to interpret the religious traditions of Indic communities. With a foreword by Roger Gottlieb.
4. Ecology and Justice Series on Integral Ecology (Orbis Books)

Published by Orbis Books, the Ecology and Justice Series on Integral Ecology seeks to integrate an understanding of Earth’s interconnected life systems with sustainable social, political, and economic systems that enhance the Earth community. To see the flyer for this Orbis series, visit: [http://fore.yale.edu/files/Orbis_Ecology_and_Justice_flyer_9-30-15.pdf](http://fore.yale.edu/files/Orbis_Ecology_and_Justice_flyer_9-30-15.pdf)

This month we are featuring the following book from this series:

*Cry of the Earth, Cry of the Poor*
By Leonardo Boff
Translated by Phillip Berryman
Orbis Books, 1997

The acclaimed Latin American theologian here extends the intuitions of liberation theology showing how they contribute to answering the urgent questions of poverty and ecological degradation. Leonardo Boff argues that if Christian faith fails to appreciate the ecological paradigm, the link between human life and all of creation, then it only adds to the crisis--and begs for reform. Focusing on the threatened Amazon of his native Brazil, Boff traces the economic and metaphysical ties that bind the fate of the rain forests with the fate of the indigenous peoples and the poor of the land. He shows how liberation theology must join with ecology in reclaiming the dignity of the earth and our sense of a common community, part of God's creation. To illustrate the possibilities, Boff turns to resources in Christian spirituality both ancient and modern, from the vision of St. Francis of Assisi to cosmic christology.

Leonardo Boff is an internationally recognized theologian whose many books include the classic *Jesus Christ Liberator* and *Ecclesiogenesis*, and more recently *The Tao of Liberation* and *Francis of Rome, Francis of Assisi*. 
5. Calls for Papers

“Ethical Theories and the Animal Issue: Between Science and Philosophy”
University of Milan, Italy
June 16-17, 2016
Submission deadline: March 31, 2016
http://philevents.org/event/show/21226

“Haiti’s Eco-systems: Focus on Environmental Realities and Hopes”
A Multi-disciplinary Approach to Environment
28th Annual Conference of the Haitian Studies Association at the University of Massachusetts Boston
Université Publique du Nord au Cap Haitien (UPNCH), Haiti
November 10-12, 2016
Submission deadline: May 31, 2016
https://www.umb.edu/haitianstudies/conference

“Radical Ecologies in the Anthropocene”
The Trumpeter
Submission deadline: August 31, 2016
http://enviroethics.org/2016/02/11/call-for-papers-radical-ecologies-in-the-anthropocene/

6. Events

“Climate Change”
8 week online course by the Wilmette Institute
March 1 - April 27, 2016
http://www.event.com/events/climate-change/event-summary-08ab43e86142415ca2a09dd73ec47d81.aspx

“Wangari Maathai Day Panel”
Panelists: Mary Evelyn Tucker, Kafureka Lawyer, and Robert Mwehe
Yale School of Forestry & Environmental Studies (F&ES), Burke Auditorium, New Haven, CT, USA
March 3, 2016 at 3:45pm-5:00pm
Flyer: http://fore.yale.edu/files/2016_Wangari_Maathai_Panel.jpg
Register for this free event: http://bit.ly/1QPPDvN

“Webinar on Seminary Environmental Certification Program”
With Dr. Laurel Kearns, Rabbi Mordechai Leibling, Beth Norcross, and Dr. Tim Van Meter
Hosted by the Green Seminary Initiative (GSI)
March 7, 2016 at 4:00-5:00 pm EST
https://www.z2systems.com/np/clients/greenfaith/eventRegistration.jsp?event=1347
“Passover as if Earth Really Matters”
Distance-learning course with Reb Arthur Waskow
March 8, 15, 22, and April 5, 2016 at 8pm EST
https://theshalomcenter.org/civicrm/event/info?reset=&id=13

“Religion and Ecology Summit”
California Institute of Integral Studies, San Francisco, CA, USA
March 11, 2016
Keynote addresses by Mary Evelyn Tucker and Brian Thomas Swimme
Hosted by the Ecology, Spirituality, and Religion graduate program at the California Institute of Integral Studies

“Consuming the World: Eating and Drinking in Culture, History, and Environment”
Rachel Carson Center for Environment and Society, Munich, Germany
March 11-12, 2016
http://www.carsoncenter.uni-muenchen.de/events_conf_seminars/calendar/ws_food/index.html

“After Paris: Climate and Religion”
Presentation by Mary Evelyn Tucker
The David Brower Center, Berkeley, CA, USA
March 15, 2016 at 7-9pm
Hosted by the David Brower Center and California Interfaith Power & Light

“Spiritual Ecology”
San Domenico School 50th Anniversary Speaker Series
Guest Speaker: Mary Evelyn Tucker
San Domenico School, San Anselmo, CA, USA
March 17, 2016 at 7pm
http://fore.yale.edu/files/3-17-16_San_Domenico_MET.pdf
http://www.sandomenico.org/page.cfm?p=3141

“Our Common Home”
Mary Evelyn Tucker, Elaine Pagels, David Orr, Arthur Lerner-Lam, and many others will participate in this celebratory event.
The Cooper Union for the Advancement of Science and Art, New York, NY, USA
March 24, 2016 at 7:00pm - 8:30pm
http://cooper.edu/events-and-exhibitions/events/our-common-home

“Eco-Spirituality & Action: A Cosmology and Practicum for the 21st Century”
Workshop with Angela Manno
Available by: Attending, Audiobook & Webinar
One Spirit Learning Alliance, New York, NY, USA
March 30 - May 4, 2016 (Six Consecutive Wednesday Evenings)
http://onespiritinterfaith.org/eco-spirituality/

“The Spirit of Sustainable Agriculture”
Harvard Divinity School, Cambridge, MA, USA
March 31 - April 1, 2016
http://fore.yale.edu/calendar/item/the-spirit-of-sustainable-agriculture/

“The Greening of Religions: Hope in the Eye of the Storm”
University of South Carolina, Columbia, SC, USA
April 1-3, 2016
https://cherryhillseminary.org/greeningofreligions/

“Sowing Seeds - Where Food and Faith Meet”
Caretakers of God’s Creation Conference
Decatur First United Methodist Church, Decatur, GA, USA
April 8-9, 2016
https://events.r20.constantcontact.com/register/eventReg?oeidk=a07ebefye07d7fff8f&oseq=&c=&ch=

“Towards a Red and Green Future? Marxism, Critical Theory, and Environmental Philosophy”
Fifth Workshop in Social and Political Thought
Michigan State University, East Lansing, MI, USA
April 16-17, 2016
https://msusocialpoliticalworkshop.wordpress.com/

“A Space for Nature in your Congregation”
Eco-Congregation Scotland Annual Gathering
St Ninian's Cathedral, Perth, Scotland
April 23, 2016
http://www.ecocongregationscotland.org/get-involved/events/2016-annual-gathering/

“Bread in the Wilderness: A Summer Seminar on Food, Faith, and Ecological Well-Being”
Fourth annual Wake Forest Food & Faith Intensive
June 6-10, 2016
Asheville, NC, USA
http://divinity.wfu.edu/bread/

“International Conference on Rural Sustainability”
University of North Texas, Denton, TX, USA
June 10-11, 2016
https://www.facebook.com/events/1068761069804092/

“Christian Ecotheology: Text, Context, and Practice”
With Matthew Riley, Ph.D.
2016 Summer Study Course
“How Can We Know? Co-creating Knowledge in Perilous Times”
62nd annual conference of the Institute for Religion in an Age of Science (IRAS)
Star Island, NH, USA
June 25 - July 2, 2016
http://www.iras.org/2016-conference.html

“Contemplative Environmental Practice”
Retreat for Professors and Activists
Lama Foundation, San Cristobal, NM, USA
July 24-30, 2016
http://www.american.edu/sis/gep/Contemplative-Environmental-Studies-Workshop.cfm

For more events, visit: http://fore.yale.edu/calendar/

7. Journey of the Universe Events

“Taking the Scholarship of Religion Public”
Annual National Meeting of the Westar Institute
The Flamingo Resort Hotel, Santa Rosa, CA, USA
March 16, 2016
This meeting includes the following two events with Mary Evelyn Tucker at 9am - 3:30pm.
2. Screening of Journey of the Universe
Hosted by the Westar Institute
Contact: Char Matejovsky, char@westarinstitute.org
http://www.westarinstitute.org/national-meetings/spring-2016/#Tucker

Journey of the Universe Film Screening
June 4, 2016 at 2 pm
Grace Farms, New Canaan CT, USA
Mary Evelyn Tucker and John Grim will lead a discussion.
www.gracefarms.org

Journey of the Universe Summer Course
Global Academy for Future Civilizations
Kyung Hee University, South Korea
July 4-22, 2016
Faculty for this 3 credit course on Journey of the Universe include:
* Mary Evelyn Tucker and John Grim, Senior Lecturers and Research Scholars, Yale University
* Sungsoo Kim, Professor, Kyung Hee University
* Jeong-Eun Lee, Professor, Kyung Hee University  
Contact: 82-2-961-0995~6, summer@khu.ac.kr  
Website: http://gafc.khu.ac.kr/gep

Journey of the Universe Lecture by Mary Evelyn Tucker and John Grim  
Gwancheon National Science Museum, South Korea  
July 12, 2016 at 7pm  
This event is part of the 2016 Global Collaborative Special Lecture Series.  
Contact: 82-2-961-0995~6, summer@khu.ac.kr  
Website: http://gafc.khu.ac.kr/gep

Workshop on Journey of the Universe and High School Teaching  
Lawrenceville School, Lawrenceville, NJ, USA  
October 20-23, 2016  
Contact: journeyoftheuniverse@lawrenceville.org

Earth Charter Netherlands organizes Journey of the Universe youth event entitled “Journey of the Universe Cinema”  
Earth Charter  
December 15, 2015  


For more details about these events, visit: http://www.journeyoftheuniverse.org/upcoming-events


On June 6-10 2016, the Center for Earth Ethics and the Climate Reality Project will train 35 priests, ministers, preachers, pastors, nuns, and evangelists to recognize and address the impacts of climate change in their congregations and communities.

The program will cover housing (shared guest rooms) and meals at no cost to participants, as well as any necessary travel within New York City. Limited assistance may be available for participants who are unable to afford transportation to New York.

Convened with the assistance of partner organizations that include the Yale Forum on Religion and Ecology, Green for All, GreenFaith, Care of Creation, the Sophia Institute, the Franciscan Action Network, the NAACP, and Creation Justice Ministries.
Applications will close March 11.

http://www.centerforearthethics.org/ministers-training-application

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Interfaith Power & Light’s “Faith Climate Action Week” will be April 15-24 and encompasses the nine days in April surrounding Earth Day. The theme is “Paris And Beyond” and will focus on how achieving the climate protection goals in the Paris Agreement require action from all of us. For more, visit: [http://www.faithclimateactionweek.org/](http://www.faithclimateactionweek.org/)

IPL will share promotional materials, sample sermons, and more to help you educate and mobilize your congregation to care for Creation. To receive a link to buy the physical kit and access to the free downloadable kit, sign up here:


Also, the free “Encyclical Climate Action Kit” by Catholic Climate Covenant and Interfaith Power & Light is available here:


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### 10. Seven Weeks for Water 2016

The Ecumenical Water Network (EWN) invites you to use this season of Lent to reflect on water. Since 2008, the EWN has been providing weekly theological reflections and other resources on water for the seven weeks of Lent and for World Water Day on March 22. The World Council of Churches’ Pilgrimage of Justice and Peace will have a regional focus on the Middle East in 2016 ([http://www.oikoumene.org/en/what-we-do/pilgrimage-of-justice-and-peace](http://www.oikoumene.org/en/what-we-do/pilgrimage-of-justice-and-peace)). Accordingly, the Seven Weeks for Water in 2016 will take us on a pilgrimage of water justice in the Middle East, with specific reference to Palestine. The Biblico-theological reflections and resources for the seven weeks will be based on the water crisis in Middle East region and take into consideration issues of justice and peace.


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### 11. Video: "Pope, Paris and the SDGs: What’s driving business to act on climate change now?" (Panel at Yale University on September 23, 2015)

From the Pope’s Encyclical to the SDGs – join us as we discuss the major drivers that are compelling businesses to act on climate change and sustainability now. The Pope’s Encyclical on climate change has brought a moral dimension to the conversation. This interactive dialogue will
discuss new opportunities for business to mitigate climate change and contribute to the global sustainable development priorities.

This panel includes:
- Peter Bakker (President & CEO, WBCSD)
- Frances Beinecke (Former President, NRDC; Scholar, Yale)
- Pavan Sukhdev (Founder & CEO, GIST Advisory; Author)
- Mary Evelyn Tucker (Scholar of Religion and the Environment, Yale)
- Moderated by Brad Gentry (Associate Dean for Professional Practice, Yale; Director, Yale Center for Business and the Environment)

Watch the video recording:

For more videos about Pope Francis’ Encyclical on the Environment, visit: http://fore.yale.edu/multimedia/pope-francis-encyclical-on-the-environment/

12. Fellowships, Job Opening, and Internship

Narrative Writing Fellowships in Science And Religion
Twelve $10,000 two-year Think Write Publish Science & Religion Fellowships. 
Application deadline: May 15, 2016
https://scienceandreligion.thinkwritepublish.org/

Assistant or Associate Professor – Ecopsychology
Naropa University, Paramita Campus, Boulder, CO, USA
Start Date: July 1, 2016

Internship opportunity with the Religion and Conservation Biology Working Group (RCBWG) of the Society for Conservation Biology (SCB)
http://fore.yale.edu/files/RCBWG_Internship_Opportunity.pdf

13. Climate Change Statements by the Pontifical Council for Justice and Peace (PCJP)

Presentation by Cardinal Peter K. A. Turkson, President of the Pontifical Council for Justice and Peace, of the Encyclical Laudato si’ in the ECOSOC Chamber
June 30, 2015

Remarks by Cardinal Peter K. A. Turkson, President of the Pontifical Council for Justice and
14. ENERGY STAR for Congregations

Did you know that most congregations can cut energy costs by up to 30% by investing strategically in efficient equipment, facility upgrades and maintenance? Congregations decide to focus on energy efficiency for a variety of reasons, including lowering utility bills, reducing energy consumption, and reducing pollution that is harmful to human health and the environment. Virtually all faith traditions teach stewardship of the earth and of its life-supporting natural resources.

ENERGY STAR has the tools and resources to help. With free, unbiased information and technical support from ENERGY STAR, your congregation can more easily improve stewardship of your budget’s energy dollars and of the earth by reducing energy waste and energy costs, while protecting the environment.

https://www.energystar.gov/buildings/owners_and_managers/congregations

15. Mini-documentary: “Piles of Bricks – Patan/Lalitpur”

TheoEco’s first mini-documentary: “Piles of Bricks – Patan/Lalitpur” features some of the hardest hit areas of Kathmandu from the 2015 mega-quake. It introduces a rich panoply of survivors, both people and structures (piles of bricks), many of whom we will see again in future documentaries including the Nepali family of Christians. We are also treated to a behind-the-scenes interview with the Kathmandu Valley Preservation Trust and others who tell us a bit of what is going on with the rebuilding efforts. This is the first of 10+ mini-documentaries TheoEco is planning to release in 2016.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ePKL7a-cahs
16. **Worldviews: Global Religions, Culture, and Ecology**

*Worldviews: Global Religions, Culture, and Ecology* has as its focus the relationships between religion, culture and ecology world-wide. Articles discuss major world religious traditions, such as Islam, Buddhism or Christianity; the traditions of indigenous peoples; new religious movements; and philosophical belief systems, such as pantheism, nature spiritualities, and other religious and cultural worldviews in relation to the cultural and ecological systems. Focusing on a range of disciplinary areas including Anthropology, Environmental Studies, Geography, Philosophy, Religious Studies, Sociology and Theology, the journal also presents special issues that center around one theme.

For more information, visit: [brill.com/wo](http://brill.com/wo)

For the online edition, visit: [http://booksandjournals.brillonline.com/content/journals/15685357/20/1](http://booksandjournals.brillonline.com/content/journals/15685357/20/1)

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